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10 August 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Soviet Analysis, DDI

FROM:

DCI

SUBJECT:

The Soviet Military Machine

I read this over the weekend. It bills the case of the Soviet military capabilities as not as good as they are cracked up to be, and that the military on both sides builds up the threat from the other side to support expanding budgets. It is built largely on refugee reports on performance of Soviet weapons in Vietnam, the Middle East and Afghanistan, with occasional supporting comments by a former CIA analyst I jotted down some interesting points in pencil with page reference on the page before the back cover.

I don't want to divert anybody from what they are doing and leave the value of looking at this to your judgment, but if somebody does look at it I would be interested in their evaluation.

William J. Casey -



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